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Subject: suggestion for improved use of infraAttrGroups  
Posted by [bob.janssen](#) on Wed, 29 May 2013 09:29:53 GMT  
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Dear all,

the tag `infraAttrGroups` is a container for pre-defined infrastructure attributes. One would use it to mark e.g. all tracks that have a common property, e.g. traction 25kV or similar gauge.

In a way, this is similar to unix groups. A user belongs to group "lp, printer, scanner group".

I think this is the idea behind `infraAttrGroups`. At present, `<track>` has an attribute `infraAttrGroupRef`. In other words, it is not possible to create a relation between one `<track>` and more than one `<infraAttrGroup>`. If a track points to more than one `infraAttrGroups`, we could emulate the unix-style group usage. This implies that `<track>` needs a 0..n children `<infraAttrGroupRef>`

How about it ?!

ps. this is my first and probably not my last contribution !

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Subject: Introducing myself  
Posted by [bob.janssen](#) on Fri, 31 May 2013 15:57:25 GMT  
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it is good practice to introduce myself to this forum: I'm an employee of Siemens NL, Den Haag.

I've been in rail automation for over 15 years, doing ETCS, tests, CBTC, R&D, sales; the lot.

RailML caught my interest when doing simulation of the dutch high-speed line (the only one in this muddy country for the time being ;) The raildata could be imported by RailML, really cool !

Since, the idea has caught on that RailML is a fine format for data-exchange between networkmanagers and suppliers for signalling, simulation, OCS... This will be a huge leap for mankind (or at least a few of 'm). Dutch ProRail is highly interested in the idea as a more efficient means of data exchange will become necessary in the foreseeable future; engineering ETCS by hand from scans of outdated maps would be a nightmare. Currently, we're in a project with ProRail to try and map their network onto RailML. The previous posting puts a finger on one of the things that

were suboptimal.

Anyhow, all this sums up my interest RailML, may it be successful.

Bob Janssen

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Subject: Re: suggestion for improved use of infraAttrGroups  
Posted by [Christian Rahmig](#) on Sun, 02 Jun 2013 20:03:41 GMT  
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Dear Bob,

thank you for your message and also for introducing yourself to the reading community. As the railML infrastructure coordinator I welcome you to the railML forum.

Concerning your idea:

Am 29.05.2013 11:29, schrieb Bob Janssen:

- > Dear all,
- >
- > the tag infraAttrGroups is a container for pre-defined infrastructure
- > attributes. One would use it to mark e.g. all tracks that have a common
- > property, e.g. traction 25kV or similar gauge.
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- > an attribute infraAttrGroupRef. In other words, it is not possible to
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- > unix-style group usage. This implies that <track> needs a 0..n children
- > <infraAttrGroupRef>
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- > How about it ?!

I was waiting few days to see if other users will comment on it. I personally like your idea very much. And I think, that others would agree if they really used the infraAttrGroups. By changing the reference to such an infraAttrGroup from the <track>'s attribute "infraAttrGroupRef" to a child element <infraAttrGroupRef> the infraAttrGroup may become more usable in practice.

Therefore, I would like to ask the other users: What do you think about

Bob's idea? Let's implement it for railML 2.3? Any comments appreciated...

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> ps. this is my first and probably not my last contribution !

I am looking forward to your next idea :)

Regards

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Christian Rahmig  
railML.infrastructure coordinator

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Subject: Re: suggestion for improved use of infraAttrGroups  
Posted by [Christian Rahmig](#) on Tue, 11 Jun 2013 10:31:09 GMT  
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Dear Bob,

Am 02.06.2013 22:03, schrieb Christian Rahmig:  
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I have good news. We decided to implement the infraAttrGroupRef grouping already with railML 2.2. More information can be found in the Trac ticket [1].

[1] <https://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/233>

Regards

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Christian Rahmig  
railML.infrastructure coordinator

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Subject: Re: suggestion for improved use of infraAttrGroups  
Posted by [christian.rahmig](#) on Mon, 11 Jun 2018 08:54:21 GMT  
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Dear all,

after last adaptations of the XSD inline documentation and of the wiki page [2], Trac ticket #233 has been finally closed with railML 2.4.

Am 11.06.2013 um 12:31 schrieb Christian Rahmig:

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[2] <https://wiki.railml.org/index.php?title=IS:infraAttrGroupRef>

Best regards  
Christian

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